INDIAN BASKETBALL PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

It is the intent of all those involved with Indian Basketball at Sandwich High School to offer a quality program for the athletes who possess the skills necessary to compete at the high school level. The Sandwich Basketball Program is one in which we want to take great pride. We want people, not only in Sandwich but in other communities as well, to recognize that that we have a quality program. We expect our players and coaches to represent Sandwich High School with pride and dignity. The best way to accomplish this is through hard work and enthusiasm. We want it to be said that we simply "out-work" our opponents.

We will do our best to not only develop basketball players, but also quality young men. In this last endeavor, we solicit the help of every parent whose son enters our program. We want to remind both parents and player if there are any questions or problems throughout the season, please communicate with the coaches. On our part, if there are any problems or questions, we will communicate with you.

<u>The following are the basic objectives of the basketball program:</u>

1. **The establishment of a well organized basketball program, 6-12**
2. **The teaching of the basic fundamentals, the most important phase of the game, at all levels**
3. **The building of a positive attitude within the athletes**
4. **Hope that all our players will have a positive experience as part of the Indian Basketball Program**

MOST IMPORTANT…….
We will strive to develop quality individuals off the court as well. This includes at home, school and in the community. All our players represent Sandwich High School, and will conduct themselves in a manner that is a credit to their family, school and community.

PLAYER EVALUATION AND TEAM SELECTI0N

ANY YOUNG MAN WHO HAS THE DESIRE MAY TRY OUT FOR BASKETBALL. FOR SEVERAL REASONS, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO MAY PLAY AT ONE TIME AND THE LACK OF COACHES AND FACILITIES, WE WILL HAVE SOME LIMITS ON THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS AT EACH LEVEL.

<u>FRESHMAN TEAM</u> – PARTICIPATION WILL BE LIMITED TO THE TOP 18-20 FRESHMAN BOYS WITH THE BEST ABILITY AND POTENTIAL TO BECOME VARSITY PLAYERS. IT IS OUR DESIRE TO HAVE PLAYERS AT THIS LEVEL PARTICIPATE IN AND RECEIVE AS MUCH GAME TIME AS POSSIBLE. FOR THIS REASON, WE WILL PLAY BOTH "A" AND "B" GAMES.

<u>SOPH0M0RE TEAM</u> – PARTICIPATION WILL BE LIMITED TO THE TOP SOPHOMORES OR FRESHMEN WITH THE ABILITY TO PLAY AT THIS LEVEL. NO FRESHMAN WILL PARTICIPATE AT THIS LEVEL UNLESS THEY POSSESS THE ABILITY TO PLAY ON A REGULAR BASIS.

<u>VARSITY</u> – PARTICIPATION AT THIS LEVEL IS OPEN TO ANY PLAYER POSSESSING THE ABILITY AND MATURITY TO COMPETE AT THIS LEVEL. NO UNDER-CLASSMEN WILL PLAY AT THIS LEVEL WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE ON A REGULAR BASIS.

*****THE FOLLOWING WILL BE THE CRITERIA ON WHICH PLAYERS WILL BE SELECTED:**

1. **SKILLS TESTS - SHEET INCLUDED, (LOWER LEVELS)**
2. **QUICKNESS CARD - SHEET INCLUDED**
3. **PLAYER EVALUATION CARD - EMPHASIS ON THREE MAJOR AREAS**
   A. **ABILITY**
   B. **ATTITUDE**
   C. **COACHABILITY**
4. **PROGRAM COMMITMENT – THOSE PLAYERS WHO SHOW A COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THEMSELVES AND THE PROGRAM BY ATTENDING OUT OF SEASON OPPORTUNITIES.**

*****ALL COACHES WILL HELP IN THE SELECTION AT EACH LEVEL**

SANDWICH BOY'S BASKETBALL
CODE OF ETHICS

1. **PLAYERS WILL CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A MANNER THAT IS A CREDIT TO THEIR FAMILY, SANDWICH HIGH SCHOOL, AND THE COMMUNITY.**

2. **PLAYERS WILL BE POSITIVE WHEN SPEAKING OF THEIR SCHOOL, TEAMMATES AND COACHES.**

3. **PLAYERS WILL BE ON TIME. THIS INCLUDES PRACTICE, GAME, AND BUS TIMES.**

4. **PLAYERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE AT ALL PRACTICES, GAMES, MEETINGS AND TEAM FUNCTIONS. THIS INCLUDES IF INELLIGABLE AND/OR INJURED. EXCEPTIONS MUST BE CLEARED WITH COACH.**

5. **PLAYERS WILL TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR APPEARANCE.**

6. **PLAYERS WILL UPHOLD ALL POLICIES IN THE SANDWICH HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HANDBOOK.**

7. **PLAYERS WILL TREAT STUDENTS, TEACHERS, COACHES, AND THEMSELVES WITH RESPECT.**

8. **PLAYERS WILL BE ROLE MODELS IN THE COMMUNITY.**

9. **ELIGIBILITY - IHSA RULES ARE USED**

10. **EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES - ALL EQUIPMENT, UNIFORMS, ECT. ARE TO BE TREATED WITH RESPECT AND NOT FOR PERSONAL USE.**

The Sandwich Boy's Basketball Player will follow these codes of ethics. If any of these codes are broken during the course of the season, the coaches reserve the right to enforce one of the following three discipline steps. The level of the punishment will depend on the seriousness of the incident, and up to the discretion of the coaches.

<u>Team levels of discipline:</u>

1. **Player will do extra running or conditioning.**
2. **Game playing time and/or game suspension.**
3. **Suspended from the team.**

******The Athletic Code and the Sandwich High School Handbook may supersede team levels of discipline.**

SANDWICH BASKETBALL

I HAVE READ ALL OF THE INFORMATION IN THE INDIAN BASKETBALL PACKET, INCLUDING THE PLAYER EVALUATION AND TEAM SELECTION PAGE, AND UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS THAT HAS BEEN SET TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SANDWICH INDIAN BASKETBALL TEAM. IF I MAKE THE TEAM, I WILL FOLLOW THE RULES AND GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED FOR THE BASKETBALL PROGRAM. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE RULES WILL RESULT IN PUNISHMENT AND/OR REMOVAL FROM THE TEAM.

PLAYER SIGNATURE_____

PARENT SIGNATURE_____

DATE_____